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City had 48 homicides in 2011: Police

Deadly year. Husband set New Year's Eve house fire that killed couple: Police

Edmonton's homicide detectives have added a 48th case to the city's 2011 death toll.

Rukmani Prasad, 60, died in a blaze near 147 Avenue and 32 Street the afternoon of Dec. 31, 2011, after police say the fire was deliberately set and accelerated with gaso-

line.

EPS Staff Sgt. Bill Clark said on Tuesday murder charges would apply had husband, Surendra Prasad, not died Feb. 25 from injuries suffered in the fire he set to kill her.

"It would have been a first-degree murder charge, no doubt, but we're not going to go into motive or all the evidence of that because the case is now closed," said Clark.

Surendra's death is deemed accidental.

Homicide Det. Sharon Bach said the probe involved a lot of work.

"There was a joint investigation with our fire investigators with the arson unit and the homicide unit and at the end of it, the conclusion was it was homicide," she said.

Fire Capt. Joe Koreman said forensic tests took two months to reveal the gasoline. Police said there was no evidence Rukmani was restrained or given anything toxic.

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

FOOD DRIVE U of A food bank needs rev up

The Campus Food bank ignited efforts to raise donations of non-perishable foodstuffs in a drive to fill an ETS bus Tuesday. Food bank co-ordinator Nehal Mahmoud urges support for the bank, which fed 2,500 last year.

Non-perishables are welcome anytime at the charity's SUB office. SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

U-Pass referendum

U of A students voting Wednesday and Thursday on whether to grant year-round U-Pass access in 2013

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Stargazing in Palm Springs

The Travellin' Canadian, Darren Parkman, checks out the Hollywood mecca near the Mojave Desert

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Crosby OK'd for contact

Pens' superstar stays cautious as he makes another stride towards returning to the game

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Most popular

William & Kate not on top for baby names

William and Kate became more popular baby names in 2011 — and one baby girl was even named Pippa. But the top names were Liam (270) and Olivia (290). Sophia, Emma, Emily, Ethan, Mason and Lucas were also popular. Some one-of-a-kind names included Moo, Stylez, Mega and Tuba. In total, 50,592 babies were born in Alberta last year. **METRO**

Head-on collision

Driver faces multiple charges

The driver in a crash that killed four Filipino temporary workers and left another injured Sunday faces 14 impaired-driving-related charges. Among them, Tyler James Stevens, 29, faces four counts of impaired driving causing death, and criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle causing death. He allegedly crashed while driving the wrong way. **METRO**

Police operation

OWE makes headway on warrants, arrests

Edmonton police have executed 579 warrants and made 292 arrests since launching Operation Warrant Execution on Feb. 28, police said Tuesday. Prior to the launch of OWE, there were 16,000 outstanding warrants in Edmonton. Citizens who do not come forward by April 2 could have their names and faces advertised publicly. **METRO**

Investigation. Edmonton police keep mum about mysterious death outside fast-food restaurant

Edmonton Police Service's homicide unit is investigating the death of a man outside a southside McDonald's early Tuesday.

Police are saying little about the death, except that officers were called to the restaurant parking lot at 51 Avenue and Calgary Trail around 2:30 a.m.

If deemed a homicide, it will be Edmonton's second

of 2012.

"We have reasons we need to hold back information," said Staff Sgt. Bill Clark, adding more information should be forthcoming today.

Forensic and homicide investigators probed the scene, which was blocked off with yellow police tape and flanked by squad cars and forensic vehicles for much of

Tuesday.

The focus was on an area in the parking lot not far from the drive-thru lane.

"I would like to mention that the business at the location, there's no connection at all, that's just purely coincidental," said EPS spokesperson Scott Pattison.

An autopsy was slated for Tuesday afternoon.

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Investigators combed for evidence Tuesday at a southside restaurant's parking lot. **SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO**

Student vote may grant U-Pass summer access

Year-round U-Pass.

U of A students voting Wednesday and Thursday on bus pass referendum



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Eligible University of Alberta students in spring and summer classes could be provided with a U-Pass come 2013 should a referendum pass in this week's Students' Union election.

Patricia Waisman, transportation services director with Edmonton Transit, said a pilot program with graduate students began last year and will continue this year, while the vote could expand it.

"Based on the success of the 2011 program, there was enough interest by the university's undergraduate administration to take it forward (for those students)," said Waisman.

Education student Kaylee Galipeau, 21, is taking two classes this spring, and thinks one pass for spring and another for summer is ideal.

U-Pass users

- **Monthly cost.** The current cost per semester for a U-Pass, valid in Edmonton, St. Albert and Strathcona County, is \$125 per student with minimal opt-out options.
- **Eligibility.** It is expected 8,000 U of A graduate students are eligible for the spring and summer pass this year, while between 7,000 and 9,000 undergraduate students would be.
- **Usage.** This semester, about 55,000 U of A, Grant MacEwan University and NAIT students use the U-Pass.

"I think that would be best, but the U-Pass in general is a good deal," she said.

Physical therapy grad student Lisa Romaniuk now has the year-round U-Pass, but said May to August access "would have been nice in undergrad."

The UASU could not provide comment, as it is an election issue, said external communications advisor Jonathan Taves.



University of Alberta students taking spring or summer courses could have access to a U-Pass next year. **SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO**

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Bradley Williams, 3, looks on as his dad votes during Super Tuesday.

VINO WONG, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL & CONSTITUTION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Santorum gives Romney run for money

GOP. Rivals slug it out in 10-state race that will help decide the Republican party's presidential candidate

Mitt Romney forged another difficult path to victory on Tuesday, winning a handful of states on so-called Super Tuesday but in a death match for the delegate-rich crown jewel of Ohio with Rick Santorum, his closest rival for the Republican presidential nomination.

On the biggest single day in the roller-coaster ride that is the Republican presidential race, Romney crushed the competition in Massachusetts, where he served as governor for four years, and also handily won Virginia, Vermont and Idaho.

Santorum, meantime, won in Tennessee and Oklahoma, where his stances on hot-button social issues play well with those states' Christian evangelical voters, and in North Dakota, a state in the midst of an oil boom.

But there was an epic battle for the biggest political prize of the night — blue-collar Ohio, a crucial swing

Romney on Iran:

"The president speaks of common interests. Let me be very clear about this: We do not have common interests with a terrorist regime."

Mitt Romney, GOP presidential hopeful

state in presidential elections.

Santorum bested Romney in early results for most of the night, but the Mormon millionaire finally was pulling away in the state's urban areas, on his way to eking out a win on a day he'd hoped would catapult him out of reach of his opponents.

He acknowledged that the path to Super Tuesday hadn't been easy in a speech in Boston after winning the Massachusetts primary.

"It's been a long road getting to Super Tuesday. I've got to be honest," he said.

"I'm not going to let you down; I'm going to get this nomination. We're going to take your vote, this huge vote in Massachusetts, and take that victory all the way to the White House."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Murder case

Tori Stafford's tragic last day alive revealed to jury

On the last day of Victoria Stafford's life, the eight-year-old used a computer to research plants, got her tights wet by jumping in puddles, and had a time out for goofing around, her teacher testified Tuesday.

She later vanished after leaving school on April 8, 2009 and her body was found in garbage bags

under a pile of rocks in a field more than 100 kilometres from her home in Woodstock, Ont.

The Crown alleges Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic, who has already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, snatched Tori outside her school and, within hours, sexually assaulted and killed her.

Rafferty is now on trial, having pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Derailment

Train spills tons of potash in New Brunswick

A freight train carrying potash derailed early Tuesday at a New Brunswick rail yard, spilling some of its load.

The Canadian National Railway was moving 37 railcars to a potash terminal in Saint John when the train derailed at around 12:30 a.m., the New Brunswick Southern Railway said in an email. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No torture, please

Rights group demands feds recall torture rule

Amnesty International Canada wants the federal government to withdraw a directive permitting Canada's spy agency to share information even when there's a real risk it will lead to torture.

In a public letter the group says the policy violates Canada's international obligations to prevent torture. THE CANADIAN PRESS



PETA lovers take spay, neuter campaign to the next level

PETA campaigners dressed up as giant condoms encourage Haligonians along Spring Garden Road to spay or neuter their pets on Tuesday afternoon. PETA members from Ottawa are touring cities in Atlantic Canada to spread their message. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

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Sex. Suburban mom or madam — she's jailed on a \$2-million bond

Is Anna Gristina a mom — or a madam?

Prosecutors say she's an arrogant, multimillion-dollar head of a prostitution ring.

They say she has boasted of ties to law enforcement and has stashed cash to flee if authorities close in on her.

But Gristina's advocates portrayed her Tuesday as a dedicated suburban mom, animal rescuer and former real estate broker who was working on building an on-line dating service.

The reality is Gristina is jailed on a seven-figure bail on a single charge of promoting prostitution.

Millionaire?

• Prosecutors say Gristina was heard to claim during a five-year investigation that she'd made millions of dollars over about 15 years of arranging trysts.

"A caring mother of four has been slapped with a \$2 million bond" one of her lawyers, Peter Gleason, said after a New York judge refused Tuesday to lower the bail.

Gristina, a bespectacled 44-year-old Scottish immigrant, has pleaded not guilty.

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California

Cannon blast kills woman

A 33-year-old woman died Tuesday after a home-made cannon blew a projectile into a mobile home in a remote California community.

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Moldova

Pedophiles face chemical penalty

Foreigners convicted of sexually abusing children in Moldova will be chemically castrated, according to new legislation approved Tuesday.

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Historic Metro contest will send reader to space



The SXC Lynx spaceship carries two people — the pilot-astronaut and a passenger. ALEX STOKES/FOR METRO

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Ponzi scheme. RBC settlement to reimburse half of victims' losses

Scores of people defrauded in a high-profile Quebec pyramid scheme will be reimbursed for roughly half of what they lost, thanks to an out-of-court settlement announced Tuesday.

Victims of financial fraudster Earl Jones reached the \$17-million settlement in their class-action lawsuit with the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank said.

The sum represents just under half the amount of \$40 million that victims had been seeking in their lawsuit.

"(This) is the result of many months of discussion between RBC and the class-plaintiffs and seeks to address some of the

financial difficulties the class-plaintiffs faced as a result of entrusting Mr. Jones with their financial affairs," a statement said.

The bank added that the proposed settlement amount will not be final until the court-approval process is completed and is not material to RBC earnings.

Much of the \$50 million initially lost by Jones' clients was held at an RBC branch on Montreal's West Island. Victims claimed the bank was negligent and should have been able to act on irregular behaviour from Jones — something the bank denies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Sweet treats go high-tech

A new 24-hour cupcake "ATM," an automatic machine that will be continuously restocked to dispense fresh cupcakes, is tested at Sprinkles Cupcakes in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. The machine features a touchscreen and a robotic arm that pulls the right flavoured cupcake from a wall of single-serving boxes inside the store. The bakery is launching the first high-tech vending machine Tuesday, with three more in the works for New York City by the summer. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Debt deal

Greek banks agree to bond-swap deal

Greece's government on Tuesday said the country's six major banks have agreed to participate in a bond-swap deal, a move likely to relieve financial authorities as a deadline looms. The deal aims at cutting more than \$139 billion off the country's debt. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Workers' win

Singapore maids to get day off

Maids in Singapore will soon get something that many people around the world take for granted: a day off. Starting next year, maids must receive one day off a week or compensation to work that day, Manpower Minister Tan Chuan-jin told Parliament. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pipeline proposal

New Keystone route in works

A new route for the Keystone XL oil pipeline should be ready within weeks with "relatively modest" changes, TransCanada said Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Financial fraud

Tycoon convicted in Ponzi scheme

Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford was convicted Tuesday on all but one of the 14 counts he faced for bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fading French village goes up for auction

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If you've ever dreamed of having your own private French village, here's your chance: Courbefy is on sale, starting at \$440,000.

And, yes, in case you were wondering, Courbefy comes with more than a dozen build-

ings, its own horse stable, tennis court, swimming pool and 12th-century chapel. It even has three "miraculous springs," which supposedly contains waters with healing powers.

Why is this little piece of rural paradise about 450 kilometres from Paris on sale?

The mayor of neighbouring Saint Nicholas Courbefy

told The Associate Press that the village, which goes back at least to the Gallo-Roman times, was abandoned in 2008 or 2009. It was used as a luxury hotel and restaurant before the owners gave up on it and stopped paying the mortgage. Local residents told the Telegraph that the area was occupied by "thieves, drunks and squatters."

But, in its heyday, Courbefy was the site of the chateau of mother of King Henry IV's mother, Jeanne d'Albret.

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Louise White STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

prize.

Ain't that cute?

I hate Louise White.

Just when I've finally made a rational decision to stop throwing perfectly good money down the toilet, never to be spent again, someone like Louise White pops up. Even though there's a one-in-175,223,510 chance of winning the Powerball, Louise won it anyway. I mean there's as much chance of Louise winning the Powerball lottery as there is of that rainbow sherbet winning the Powerball lottery.

So, starting today, it's back to throwing good money down the toilet. If you don't play, it don't pay — or something.

My wife, who never fails to buy a lottery ticket for the 6-49 or Lotto Max, spends the rest of the week figuring out how she's going to spend the money. IMHO, she always gives too much of it away. Right off the bat, half goes to "Africa," while the rest goes to pay the debts of everyone in her extended family, leaving insufficient funds to keep me in the lifestyle to which I could easily become accustomed.

It never occurs to me, until halfway into the argument, that it's not going to happen anyway and I'm getting all red in the face for nothing, when there are lots of more important things I could get red in the face about.

Still, consider LeRoy and Deborah, Louise's son and daughter-in-law. LeRoy and Deborah didn't even have to fork over two bucks to buy the ticket, and now they're the beneficiaries of Louise's good fortune. I wonder if they ever had the argument. My wife is aware of my vulnerable position. "No money for you," she warns.

Fair warning: The odds of winning the Lotto Max are much better than winning the Powerball. Only one in 85,900,584. More than twice as likely. Of course, the odds of being struck by lightning are only 2.3 million to one. The odds of being hit by an ice-cream delivery truck full of rainbow sherbet are only one in 625.

Which reminds me to look both ways before I cross the street. On my way to the lottery kiosk.

Usain, is this it?



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World's fastest

Strike a pose

KINGSTON, JAMAICA. It's practice makes perfect for Prince Harry as the third-in-line to the British throne tries to copy the signature victory pose of sprint star Usain Bolt at the University of the West Indies track.

Harry, 27, is touring the Caribbean as part of the Diamond Jubilee. **MWN**



A race to the finish

Prince Harry wins

RACE. The prince got off to a false start and was about 50 metres down the track as Bolt lifted his arms in mock disbelief.

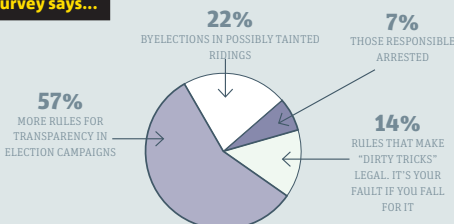
Harry kept on running to cross the finish line. "He cheated," Bolt said. "I said we would have a rematch in London 2012 and Harry said, 'I'm busy.'" **MWN**



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Impressed. Within hours of the snow storm in Saskatoon, the streets in my neighborhood were cleared. #yxe That would never happen in #yeg!

@cdnsabi:

The sun is out. Feels as if spring is in the air. What better way to spend the evening than to go for a jog. #yeg #fitness

@JameyMPhoto:

I'm no expert on this, but I have a feeling that today's #yeg sunset is going to be a spectacular one.



Eddie Murphy stars in *A Thousand Words*. HANDOUT

Going gaga for gurus

Spiritual humour. Comedy mixed with spirituality can work if done well — or prove toxic for both audiences and critics



IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse
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What do spiritual gurus and comedy have in common? More than you might think.

Deepak Chopra, possibly

the world's most famous guru, says, "When your soul responds to the paradox of our existence, to the contradictions of our existence, to the fact that wherever there is joy there is suffering, when your soul recognizes this, it can do nothing except laugh."

In other words, chuckle — it's good for your soul.

These are words to live by, particularly if you are Eddie Murphy in *A Thousand Words*, opening this weekend. In this comedy, Murphy plays a shady literary agent who cheats a spiritual guru in a business deal. His punishment teaches him the value of every word that comes out

of his mouth.

A Thousand Words isn't the first comedy to go gaga for gurus.

In the 1968 counter-culture hit *I Love You, Alice B. Toklas!*, Peter Sellers plays a 30-something who visits a maharishi for enlightenment. "You will know yourself when you stop trying," he is told. "I'm trying to stop trying," Sellers replies.

A year later came *The Guru*, a movie that echoed the real-life musical journey of Beatle George Harrison's internship with Ravi Shankar. Michael York starred as a famous British rock 'n' roller who travels from London to

Bombay to study sitar at the feet of guru Ustad Zafar Khan.

Director James Ivory (who along with producer Ismail Merchant would go on to make *Howard's End* and *The Remains of the Day*) called *The Guru* "the most unseen and mysterious of our movies ... Merchant Ivory's version of a '60s trip."

Sharing a title is the 2002 *Jimi Mistry* film about a young Indian man who moves to New York with dreams of becoming an actor but instead becomes a sex guru who does out catchphrases such as, "the most powerful sexual organ is your brain."

In *The Love Guru*, Mike

Myers mixed gross-out humour with spiritualism, a combo that proved toxic for both audiences and critics.

Even Mike's own guru agreed it flopped. "Humour mixed with spirituality can work, if it's done well," Deepak Chopra, who has a cameo in the film, said. "But frankly speaking, this was not a good attempt."

So what exactly do gurus and comedy have in common?

Myers says he learned from Chopra that "ha ha" is related to "ah ha," the sound one makes upon the realization of truth. "Maybe it's that simple.

2 SCENE

Trending

Get ready for iPad3

Apple is set to unveil its iPad 3 at an invite-only event today. Metro has teamed up with Mike Yawney, the technology specialist with Citytv, to bring you the latest from the event. Visit metronews.ca/apple to follow Yawney as he tweets live from the announcement.

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Megan Fox says she definitely wants kids

For Megan Fox, having kids with husband Brian Austin Green is less a question of if than when.

"Of course. It will happen when it's meant to happen," she tells People magazine. "I've always really loved kids. I was a good babysitter. I've always loved babies. I relate to kids pretty well."

It doesn't hurt that she's also been a stepmom to Green's son, Kassius, who turns 10 next week. **METRO**



Megan Fox

Enrique's not a big believer in marriage

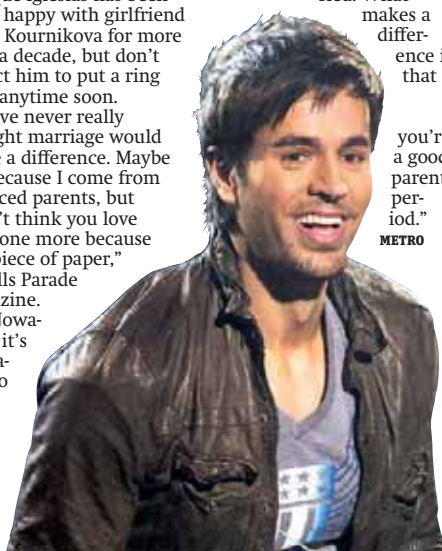
Enrique Iglesias has been quite happy with girlfriend Anna Kournikova for more than a decade, but don't expect him to put a ring on it anytime soon.

"I've never really thought marriage would make a difference. Maybe it's because I come from divorced parents, but I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper," he tells Parade magazine.

"Nowadays, it's not taboo to have kids and not be mar-

ried. What makes a difference is that

you're a good parent, period." **METRO**



Demi looking stronger and sun-kissed after her vacay, time in rehab

After a stint in rehab in Utah followed by a private Caribbean vacation, Demi Moore is back in Los Angeles, according to TMZ.

The actress was photographed stepping off a private jet looking tan and healthy. Moore had departed from Nassau in the Bahamas and passed through Customs in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before heading on to California.

This is the first time Moore has been home since shortly after being rushed to the hospital following a drug-related collapse in January. **METRO**



Demi Moore

Posh Spice isn't always so posh

Perennial fashionista Victoria Beckham admits that she's not above slipping into a tracksuit and a pair of UGGs on occasion — but never in public.

"You'll never see me on the street in a tracksuit. I just love fashion too much to wear a tracksuit. The same goes for UGG boots. I only wear them at home," she tells Madame Figaro magazine. **METRO**



Victoria Beckham

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Reality star off the rails

Tila Tequila: Was it an aneurysm, overdose or suicide attempt?

THE WORD
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Was Tila Tequila's recent hospitalization due to a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt? Whatever the reason, the former reality star is all kinds of WTF.

Radar Online is saying that a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy prescription drugs."

"Tila threw up all over her bed after overdosing and felt like she was dying. She was screaming for help, and in desperation, broke her bedroom window and attempted to jump out," a source says.

"Finally, a friend came over after getting a strange text from her and found her convulsing on the bed. He called an ambulance

and she was taken to the hospital."

Reports say Tequila was treated at two different hospitals over a week's span, but she's not out of the woods yet.

"She still can't fully speak properly," the source says. "It's sad to think she may have some permanent brain damage." But TMZ.com says all the drama was caused by a suicide attempt and that she'd been trying "kill herself all week."

We've said it once, we'll say it a million times: Mamas, don't let your daughters grow up to be reality TV stars.



Tila Tequila ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kirk Cameron's former Growing Pains co-stars won't show him that smile

Born-again Christian and former Growing Pains star Kirk Cameron recently told CNN's Piers Morgan that being gay is "unnatural," "detrimental" and "ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," and his remarks have earned him a considerable amount of blowback.

Among those criticizing Cameron? His former sitcom co-stars. Tracy Gold posted to Twitter, "I am a strong supporter of the LGBT Community, and I believe in equal rights for all," while Alan Thicke, who played Cameron and Gold's father on Growing



Kirk Cameron

Pains, posted, "I'm getting him some new books. The Old Testament simply can't be expected to explain everything." **METRO**

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The stars are brighter near the Mojave Desert

Palm Springs. The Travellin' Canadian checks out a Hollywood mecca



THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN
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There's more to Palm Springs than dusty desert and palm trees. In fact, this sunny vacation paradise has become a mecca for the rich and famous.

Not only did the city's late great celeb mayor Sunny

Bono recreate Hollywood, with the California city's own walk of fame, he ushered in one of the most impressive film festivals in North Amer-

ica, right there in the middle of the Mojave.

It was a thrill for me to actually get a chance to hit the red carpet and hobnob

with some of the biggest stars on the planet at a recent desert festival. The likes of none other than Leonardo DiCaprio and Clint Eastwood told me that even they were impressed with this desert oasis and what it's become. Palm Springs just has that laid back casual vibe, so it's not uncommon to see A-list celebs strolling on nearby Palm Canyon Drive, or having a drink at the very cool mid-century modern Parker Hotel, where the famous stay and play.

Of course, stars have been linked to Palm Springs for many decades, and traces of that early Hollywood history

still remain. Just off Palm Canyon drive, you can stroll by an unassuming house with a giant 'L' statue in the driveway.

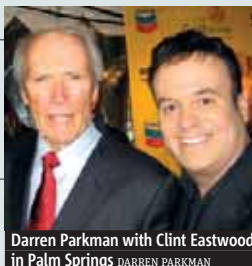
This happened to be the home of — you guessed it — flamboyant performer Liberace, who spent many happy years in the desert.

Nearby sits many other celeb getaways from a bygone era, including the homes of Kirk Douglas, Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe.

Even the city's Desert Memorial Graveyard has become a tourist attraction, where many come to pay their respects to the final resting place of Frank Sinatra.

If you go...

- **Hit the hot tub at Palm Mountain Resort and Spa.** The perfect spot to unwind in the radiance of the desert sun, just steps from Palm Canyon Drive downtown.
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Darren Parkman with Clint Eastwood in Palm Springs DARREN PARKMAN

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Flower power

If you are looking for palm trees and white sand to escape the remnants of winter, look no farther than Philadelphia. Visitors to the city's International Flower Show can wander through a tropical paradise of sorts thanks to this year's theme, Hawaii: Islands of Aloha, a tribute to Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire.

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Analysis

Little engine that could

Many people felt a pang of nostalgia for the Bug after Friday's announcement, even while acknowledging the little car's shortcomings.

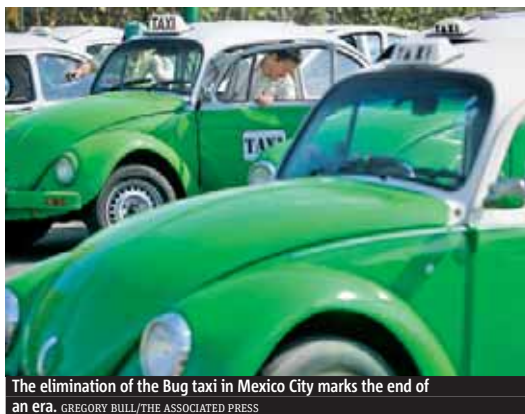
"It's a loss — not exactly for its comfort, but because it was economical" to operate, said Hector Vera Perez, who was a cabbie in the 1970s.

Vera Perez, now a 65-year-

old ambulance driver, said the Vocho was much cheaper to run than the big American cars that made up the majority of the city's taxi fleet in those days.

He also argued that the Bugs made the city's streets safer, noting they were slow, fragile and noisy. "Today the cars (used as taxis) are bigger, and they drive faster," he said.

"Before, they drove more cautiously, because any accident would destroy them."



The elimination of the Bug taxi in Mexico City marks the end of an era. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico City bids adieu to its beloved Bug taxis

Change. The last of the iconic VW vehicles were manufactured in 2003. Their taxi licenses expire this year

Mexico's capital is ready to stomp out its iconic Volkswagen "Bug" taxis.

Officials said last week that the last of the old-style VW Beetles will have their cab licences expire by the end of the year, marking the end of an adventurous if uncomfortable part of Mexico City life.

The rounded, two-door sedan nicknamed the Bug — in Mexico, it's a "Vocho" — has long been an informal symbol of this sprawling city; a tough, rattling reflection of its gritty urbanity and chaotic streets.

At its height in 2006, the little VWs accounted for almost half of all taxis in Mexico City, with about 50,000 cruising the streets. Today, there are only about 3,500 of the privately owned and operated Bugs among 130,000 taxis.

Victor Ramirez, director of taxi services for the city's transport department, said time has run out for the classic VW design that evolved from the original Beetle of 1930s Germany.

The model hasn't been

manufactured since 2003, when the last one rolled off an assembly line in the Mexican state of Puebla.

For safety reasons, Mexico City began mandating four-door taxis in 2003. So the Beetles that entered service in 2002 are the last to operate as cabs. Most car models are limited by the city to eight years of service as taxis, but the Bug was allowed a 10-year run — and that ends with 2012.

Despite their role as icons, the VW taxis have never won plaudits for comfort. Drivers remove the front passenger seat so customers can get in more easily, leaving only the ungenerous back seat.

And with no front seat, there is little to stop the passenger from being thrown forward in a mishap, Ramirez noted.

"If they slammed on the brakes and you weren't wearing a seat belt, you wound up in the windshield," he said. "The government mandated four-door cars, with trunks, to ensure passengers' safety."

For a time, in the 1990s and early 2000s, Bug taxis were notorious as a robbery trap. Because there were only two doors, muggers or kidnappers could push their way through the passenger door, leaving the passenger no way to escape.

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Time has run out for the classic Volkswagen design that evolved from the original Beetle of the 1930s. MINAME/FLICKR

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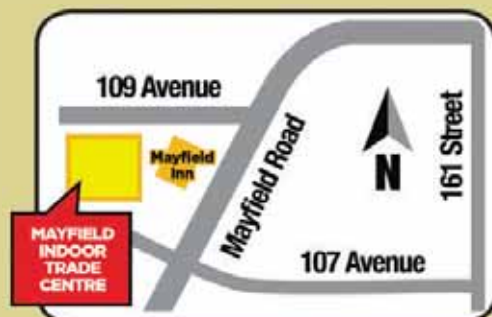
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Rockwell exhibit brings Americana to Winnipeg

Art. Iconic illustrations that romanticized American life make their debut in Canada at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

The man whose very name evokes an idealized and nostalgic picture of all things American is making his first — and only — major foray north of the border.

But anyone living outside of Winnipeg will have to travel to see Norman Rockwell's unique view of American life in person. All of his iconic illustrations — which appeared primarily on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine for almost 50 years — and many of his most seminal paintings are on tour and making their one and only Canadian stop at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

The exhibit, which runs until May 20, is expected to draw not only visitors from across Canada but also many from the northern United States.

"Rockwell — beyond capturing American life ideas, issues and politics — was able to encapsulate much of the 20th century, which is often called, in the world of art, America's century," said Stephen Borys, executive director of the gallery.

"To have one artist following the development of a nation, of a people, from the first decade of the 20th century to the eighth decade is extraordinary."

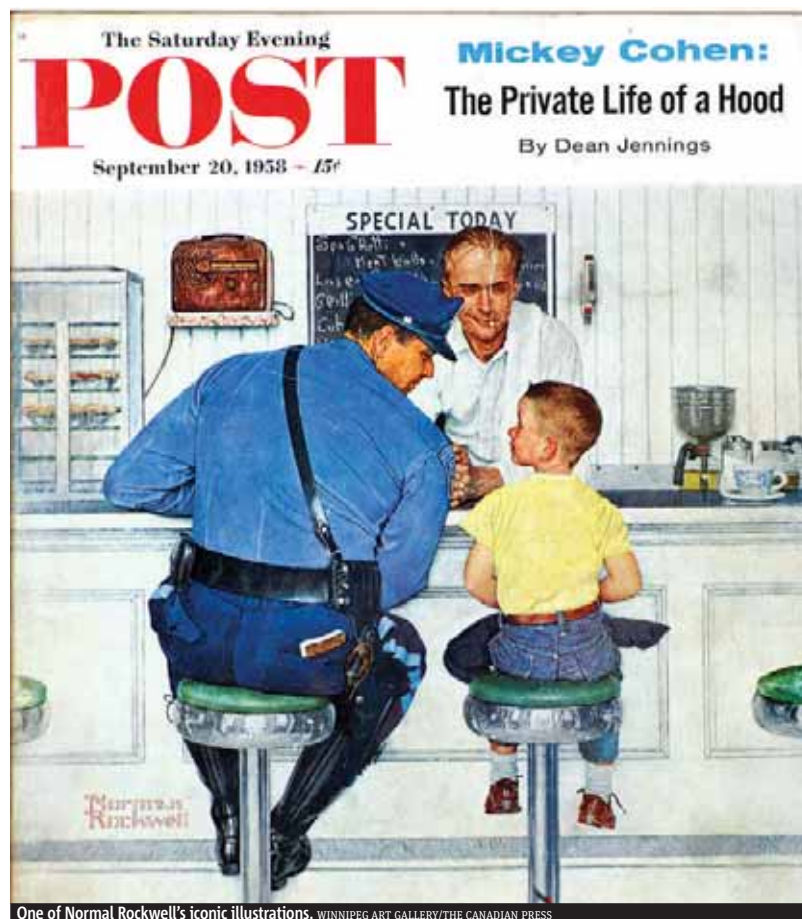
Many of Rockwell's pieces have become legendary for their *Leave It To Beaver* reflection of small-town America. Rockwell's work often shunned social conflict, presenting romanticized and humorous depictions of family life.

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If you go...

- **The exhibit.** American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell runs to May 20th at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Tours held on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., closed Mondays.

- **Special events.** There are a number of special events, workshops and talks associated with the exhibit including a visit by Norman Rockwell's son Peter, who will talk about his father's work on April 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Another talk March 11 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will examine Rockwell's vision of America while Rockwell's role in advertising and consumer culture will be discussed April 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.



One of Norman Rockwell's iconic illustrations. WINNIPEG ART GALLERY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Unlikely flavours, textures mingle in Tomato and Sweet Potato soup

Marcona almonds are entirely different than the more common California almond.

A higher fat content explains the textural difference — tender-crunchy and moist.

As for flavour, think savoury and steak-like.

It doesn't hurt they're typically processed by being fried in olive oil, then sprinkled with salt.

1 In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion, garlic and sweet potato. Sauté for about 10 minutes or until sweet potato starts to brown.

2 Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes or until potato is very tender.

3 Working in batches if needed, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return soup to pan, stir in vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) peeled, diced sweet potato (1 large)
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (426 ml/15 oz) tomato sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped marcona almonds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh rosemary

4 In a small bowl, mix together almonds and rosemary. Ladle soup into serving bowls, then sprinkle almond mixture over each serving.

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Tomato and Sweet Potato Soup with Rosemary Marcona Almonds



This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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For example, as a finance student, don't only apply to

banks. Check out or create finance-related jobs in other industries or types of businesses that may also need people in finance, which is every industry and business!

Start building your online presence

Develop a simple online portfolio or blog to showcase your work and include the URL on your resumé.

Don't have much work experience? Post relevant school projects, write blog posts about your industry to show how passionate you are, and display recommendations from former bosses, professors, co-workers and classmates.

Actively approach employers online

More and more employers are using online tools to market jobs and interact with potential candidates, so use them to your advantage! Find and target the companies and people you want to work for on Twitter, LinkedIn, etc., and make an effort to interact with them.

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Crosby cleared for contact but remains cautious as ever

NHL. 'It's nice to be symptom free, but it's not as fulfilling until you get out there,' says Penguins superstar

Sidney Crosby's head is clear. The superstar's return, however, remains murky.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain participated in his first full practice since concussion-like symptoms resurfaced in December and there is growing optimism he'll be back before the playoffs begin next month.

Crosby insists there is no timetable on when he'll be cleared to play in a game, but he looked crisp while spending more than an hour on the Consol Energy Center ice.

"It's a good step," Crosby said Tuesday. "Hopefully, I can keep the momentum and get out there soon."

Though the headaches and motion issues that have bothered him intermittently since a loss to Boston on Dec. 5 have subsided, Crosby has been through this drill too often to get too excited.

The 24-year-old former MVP was spectacular in his return from a 10-month layoff in

Coach's comments



"It was man-on-man type stuff, some puck battles...."

We had him get through today, we'll see where we progress on day three, four, five and six."

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma on Sidney Crosby.

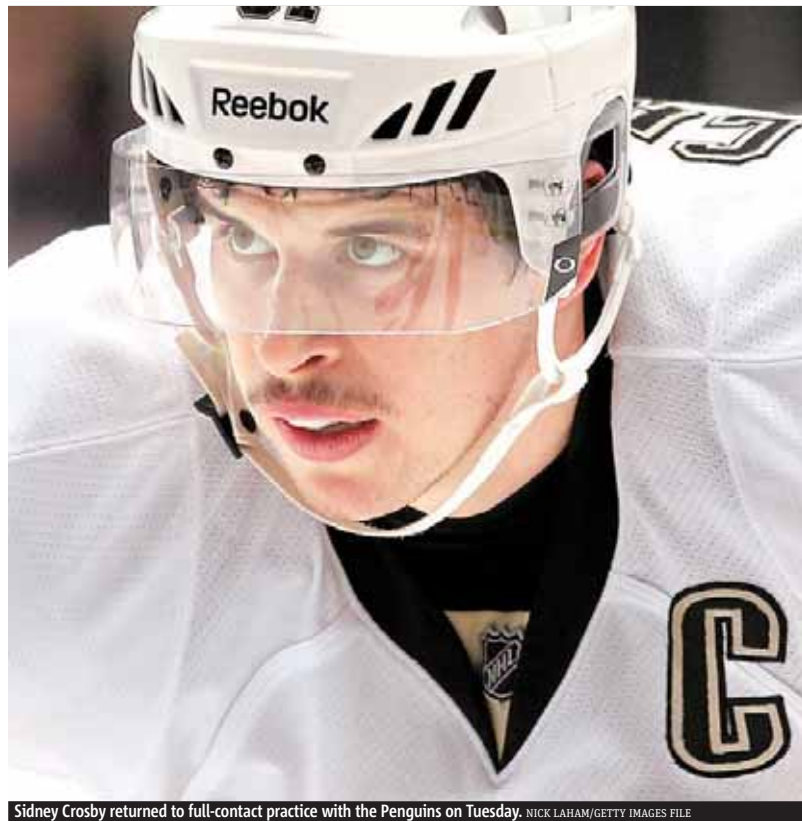
November, scoring twice in his season debut against the New York Islanders and collecting 12 points in eight games before he woke up with an all-too-familiar feeling on Dec. 6.

During the initial comeback he was cleared for contact in early October and had to wait about six weeks before getting the OK to suit up for a game.

It may not take that long this time.

"I'm going to give myself days, for sure, of contact," Crosby said. "If you look at our schedule, we have two more practices, I think, this week. No sooner than Sunday I would say but I'm not going to sit here and put a date on it. It would be total guesswork."

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Sidney Crosby returned to full-contact practice with the Penguins on Tuesday. NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Colts, Manning break up imminent: Report



Peyton Manning and the Colts will part ways on Wednesday according to an ESPN report. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Peyton Manning era in Indianapolis is expected to end Wednesday, according to a report.

Citing anonymous sources, ESPN reported Tuesday that the Colts plan to hold a news conference to announce the long-expected decision. Manning is expected to attend.

Team owner Jim Irsay and Manning's agent, Tom Condon, did not immediately respond to messages left by The Associated Press. Team spokesman Avis Roper said he could not confirm the decision or the news conference because Irsay was out of town and unreachable.

Manning turns 36 later this month, and missed the entire 2011 season after a third neck surgery. Before that, he'd never missed a game in his 13 NFL seasons.

He is owed a \$28 million roster bonus on Thursday, and with the Colts holding the top draft pick, they apparently have decided it was too risky and pricey to keep the four-time league MVP.

Manning is the Colts' career leader in every major passing category, one of only four players in NFL history to throw for more than 50,000 yards and is third all-time in touchdown passes (399). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injury timeline

- During the 2009 off-season, after a Super Bowl loss, Manning had his first neck surgery.
- Then, after an early playoff exit in 2010, he had another neck surgery to repair a nerve causing weakness in his arm.
- Last July, Irsay signed Manning to a new five-year, \$90 million extension. But the nerve did not heal as quickly as expected and Manning had two vertebrae fused together forcing him to miss the season.

Curling

"It's not fun in that one of us has to lose. We really need that win so we're going to have to come out and play well."

Alberta skip Kevin Koe on his upcoming match at the Tim Hortons Brier against his brother Jamie, who skips the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The brothers clash in Saskatoon on Wednesday morning. Alberta sat atop the leaderboard at 6-1 on Tuesday while the surprising team from the Territories were tied for second with Ontario at 5-1 before Tuesday's evening draw.

NFL

Moss works out for Saints

The New Orleans Saints held a workout on Tuesday with veteran receiver Randy Moss, who is trying to make a comeback after a year out of pro football. The club did not provide any details on how the 35-year-old performed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Leafs re-up with centre Grabovski

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Mikhail Grabovski to a \$27.5-million US, five-year contract extension on Tuesday. He was due to become an unrestricted free agent July 1.

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Mikhail Grabovski
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NFL

Saints brass take bounty blame

New Orleans coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis take "full responsibility" for the bounty program run by former assistant coach Gregg Williams and said it will never happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

"It's like when you're getting remarried and you are renewing your vows. That's how I feel."



Centre-fielder Andrew McCutchen who agreed to a six-year, \$51.5 million deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.

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d-NY Rangers	65	42	16	2	5	180	137	91	22-7-0-2	20-9-2-3	5-3-1-1	L1
d-Boston	65	39	23	1	2	214	154	81	19-12-1-1	20-11-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
d-Florida	65	31	22	5	7	163	184	74	16-9-1-7	15-13-4-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	65	39	21	2	3	209	168	83	21-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	8-2-0-0	W6
Philadelphia	65	37	21	2	5	213	193	81	16-10-1-4	21-11-1-1	6-4-0-0	W3
New Jersey	66	37	24	2	3	184	176	79	17-12-0-3	20-12-2-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Ottawa	68	35	25	6	2	209	201	78	17-13-2-1	18-12-4-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Winnipeg	67	32	27	4	4	176	187	72	21-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Washington	66	32	28	3	3	175	188	70	21-10-1-2	11-18-2-1	4-5-1-0	L3
Tampa Bay	66	31	29	3	3	187	226	68	20-10-1-1	11-19-2-2	7-3-0-0	L1
Buffalo	66	30	28	4	4	163	186	68	16-11-3-4	14-17-1-0	6-2-1-1	L1
Toronto	66	30	29	4	3	198	206	67	16-13-3-2	14-16-1-1	2-7-1-0	L1
NY Islanders	66	28	29	6	3	154	190	65	15-14-5-0	13-15-2-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	66	25	27	8	6	175	200	64	17-13-1-5	8-14-7-1	5-2-1-2	W1
Montreal	67	25	32	2	8	174	189	60	12-15-2-6	13-17-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	67	42	18	1	6	174	132	91	27-4-1-3	15-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Vancouver	66	41	17	1	7	209	161	90	19-17-0-3	22-10-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	66	35	26	1	4	174	178	75	18-12-0-3	17-14-1-1	7-1-1-1	W2
Detroit	67	43	21	1	2	211	156	89	27-4-1-1	16-17-0-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Nashville	66	38	21	4	4	188	171	83	21-8-2-3	17-13-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Chicago	68	36	25	4	3	203	200	79	22-17-1-3	14-18-3-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	67	33	25	5	6	173	170	65	17-12-2-2	16-13-1-4	6-4-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	66	31	23	5	7	147	143	74	17-13-0-4	14-10-5-3	5-4-0-1	W4
Colorado	68	35	29	3	1	178	181	74	19-15-0-1	16-14-3-0	7-3-0-0	W2
San Jose	64	33	24	4	3	179	163	73	19-11-2-0	14-13-2-3	2-7-1-0	L2
Calgary	67	30	25	5	7	164	185	72	17-19-1-4	13-15-4-3	3-2-2-3	W1
Anaheim	67	29	28	4	6	170	188	68	18-14-2-0	11-14-2-6	5-4-0-1	L3
Minnesota	67	28	29	2	8	144	187	66	15-12-1-3	13-17-1-5	3-6-0-1	L5
Edmonton	65	25	34	2	4	172	196	56	16-13-2-2	9-21-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	66	21	38	2	5	156	216	49	12-18-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-4-1-0	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Boston 5 Toronto 4
Calgary 5 Montreal 4
Ottawa 7 Tampa Bay 3
Carolina 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Columbus 3 Phoenix 2
St. Louis 5 Chicago 1
Colorado 7 Minnesota 1
Los Angeles 5 Nashville 4
New Jersey 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Philadelphia 3 Detroit 2
Dallas at Vancouver
Edmonton at San Jose

Monday's results

Winnipeg 3 Buffalo 1
Anaheim 4 Edmonton 2
Pittsburgh 2 Phoenix 1

Tonight's games

All times Eastern
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.

FLAMES 5, CANADIENS 4

First Period

1. Calgary, Moss 2 (Giordano, Glencross) 10:06
2. Calgary, Iginla 26 (Stajan, Brodie) 12:21
3. Montreal, Plekanec 14 (Eller, Kaberle) 19:56 (pp)
Penalties — Iginla Cal (holding) 18:39.

Second Period

4. Montreal, Pacioretty 27 (Campoli, Weber) 9:28
5. Calgary, Giordano 6 (Glencross, Jokinen) 13:44
6. Calgary, Iginla 27 (Bouwmeester, Tanguay) 18:42
Penalties — Bouwmeester Cal (delay of game) 6:47, Kaberle Mtl (tripping) 11:38, Eller Mtl (interference), Kostopoulos Cal (hooking) 18:22.

Third Period

7. Calgary, Glencross 23, 7:16
8. Montreal, Eller 14 (Emelin) 8:57
9. Montreal, Pacioretty 28 (Subban, Cole) 12:06
Penalty — Whittle Mtl (holding) 3:17.
Shots on goal
Montreal 9 9 10 —28
Calgary 18 10 6 —34

Goal — Montreal: Price (L23-26-9); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,29-19-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 1-2; Calgary: 0-2.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SENATORS 7, LIGHTNING 3

First Period

1. Ottawa, Gonchar 3 (Greening, Cowen) 9:38
2. Ottawa, Greening 13 (Michalek, Kuba) 17:37
3. Ottawa, Turris 7, 18:30
Penalties — Tampa Bay bench (too many men; served by Connolly) 1:43, Konopka Ott (holding) 11:50.

Second Period

4. Tampa Bay, Shannon 3 (Pyatt, Connolly) 1:24
5. Tampa Bay, Wallace 2 (Wyman, Pyatt) 7:12
6. Ottawa, Karlsson 16, 11:58 (pp)
Penalties — Greening Ott (fighting), Aulie TB (roughing, fighting; served by Connolly) 10:57.

Third Period

7. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 48 (Purcell, Malone) 5:41 (pp)
8. Ottawa, Michalek 30 (Alfredsson, Kuba) 12:12 (pp)
9. Ottawa, Michalek 31, 18:33 (en)
10. Ottawa, Michalek 32, 19:53 (en-sh)
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:11, Stamkos TB (goaltender interference) 11:16, Gonchar Ott (holding) 18:56.
Shots on goal
Ottawa 14 7 14 —35
Tampa Bay 8 9 11 —28
Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Bishop (W,1-0-0); Tampa Bay: Garon (3-3), Roloson (L,8-13-2) (3:54 first) (30-25). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 2-3; Tampa Bay: 1-3.
Attendance — 18,967 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Malkin, Pgh	38	43	81
Stamkos, TB	47	33	80
Giroux, Pgh	23	52	75
Spezza, Ott	28	44	72
Kessel, Tor	32	36	68

Last night's games not included

SOCCER

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SECOND ROUND

Second Leg

Arsenal (England) 3 AC Milan (Italy) 0
(AC Milan advances on 4-3 aggregate)
Benfica (Port.) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Rus.) 0
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Province (Skip)

	W	L
Alberta (K. Koe)	6	1
Northwest Territories/Yukon (J. Koe)	6	1
Ontario (Howard)	6	1
Manitoba (R. Fowler)	4	3
British Columbia (Cotter)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Murphy)	4	3
Northern Ontario (Jacobs)	3	4
New Brunswick (T. Odishaw)	2	5
Saskatchewan (Manners)	2	5
Newfoundland & Labrador (Gushue)	2	5
Quebec (Desjardins)	2	5
Y.E.I. (Gaudet)	1	6

Yesterday's results

Ninth Draw

Alberta 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
British Columbia 7 Northern Ontario 3
Manitoba 10 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 6

Draw 10

Newfoundland & Labrador 8 British Columbia 6
Northern Ontario 7 Alberta 6
Northwest Terr./Yukon 8 Que. 7 (extra end)
Ontario 7 Saskatchewan 5 (extra end)

Draw 11

Nova Scotia 10 Saskatchewan 7
Ontario 8 Manitoba 4
PEI 0 Northwest Territories/Yukon 6
Quebec 8 New Brunswick 3

Monday's results

Sixth Draw
Northwest Territories/Yukon 9 Sask. 5
Ontario 9 Quebec 8 (extra end)
Seventh Draw
Alberta 8 Prince Edward Island 2
British Columbia 9 Manitoba 5
New Brunswick 8 Northern Ontario 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 10 Nova Scotia 5

Eighth Draw

Alberta 6 Saskatchewan 3
British Columbia 5 Quebec 4
Northwest Terr./Yukon 10 Nfld. & Labrador 6
Ontario 6 Northern Ontario 5 (extra end)

Today's games

All times Eastern
Draw 12, 9:30 a.m.
Northern Ontario vs. Quebec; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. Alberta; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Saskatchewan; B.C. vs. Ontario.
Draw 13, 2:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island vs. Ontario; Quebec vs. Nova Scotia; Northwest Terr./Yukon vs. Manitoba.

Draw 14, 7:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. Alberta; Nova Scotia vs. Northern Ontario; Prince Edward Island vs. British Columbia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. N.B.

Tomorrow's games
Draw 15, 9:30 a.m.
Ontario vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. New Brunswick; PEI vs. Quebec.

Draw 16, 2:30 p.m.
Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Prince Edward Island; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Northern Ont. vs. Manitoba; N.S. vs. Alberta.

Draw 17, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. British Columbia; Quebec vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Alberta; Northern Ont. vs. Sask.

Tiebreakers (if required)

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	8	4	4	.500	94	96	—
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	88	100	—
Rochester	9	4	5	.444	113	111	1/2
Buffalo	7	2	5	.286	83	92	1 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	8	7	1	.875	109	107	—
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	106	90	2
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Edmonton	6	2	4	.333	64	61	4
Washington	8	2	6	.250	79	100	5

Week Nine

WEEK 10

Friday's games

All times Eastern

Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Boston at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Sunday's game

Colorado at Washington, 8 p.m.

WEEK 11

Friday, March 16

Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 17

Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Kathleen Clark vice president of marketing & strategy.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Andrew McCutchen on a 6-yr contract.

HOCKEY

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed S Thomas DeCoud.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB Arian Foster to a five-year contract.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released LB Demorrio Williams.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Named Lamonte Winston director-player engagement.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed S C.J. Spillman to a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Brian Angelichio tight ends coach, Bob Bostad off. line coach, Earnest Byner running backs coach, P.J. Fleck wide receivers coach, Steve Loney asst. offensive line coach, Ben McDaniels offensive asst. & Ron Turner quarterbacks coach.

HOCKEY

NHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Ottawa D Erik Karlsson \$2,500 for slashing Florida F Sean Bergenheim during Sunday's game.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Loaned F Jared Staal to Providence (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled C Brad Mills from Albany (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed C Mikhail Grabovski to a five-year contract.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	32	8	.800	—
d-Miami	29	9	.763	2
Orlando	25	15	.625	7
d-Philadelphia	22	17	.564	9 1/2
Indiana	23	14	.622	7 1/2
Atlanta	23	15	.605	8
Boston	20	17	.541	10 1/2
New York	18	20	.474	13
Milwaukee	15	23	.395	16
Cleveland	13	23	.361	17
Detroit	13	26	.333	18 1/2
Toronto	12	26	.316	19
New Jersey	12	27	.308	19 1/2
Washington	8	29	.216	22 1/2
Charlotte	5	31	.139	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	30	8	.789	—
d-San Antonio	25	12	.676	4 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	22	14	.611	7
L.A. Lakers	23	15	.605	7
Memphis	22	15	.595	7 1/2
Dallas	23	17	.575	8
Denver	22	17	.564	8 1/2
Houston	21	18	.538	9 1/2
Minnesota	20	19	.513	10 1/2
Portland	19	19	.500	11
Utah	18	19	.486	11 1/2
Phoenix	17	20	.459	12 1/2
Golden State	15	20	.429	13 1/2
Sacramento	12	26	.316	18
New Orleans	9	29	.237	21

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results

Charlotte 100 Orlando 84
Atlanta 101 Indiana 96
Miami 108 New Jersey 78
Detroit 88 L.A. Lakers 85 (OT)
Boston 97 Houston 92 (OT)
Dallas 95 New York 85

Monday's results

Utah 109 Cleveland 100
Orlando 92 Toronto 8

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Softer grille is the new style



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Review. Honda charts a slight course correction for its popular all-roader

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It has been said that the eyes are the window to the soul. In automotive terms, perhaps

the same can be said for the grille.

More specifically, Honda's eight-passenger Pilot that was redesigned for the 2009 model year projected a go-anywhere strength and ruggedness.

Too tough, maybe. A restyle for 2012 softens the look for friendlier, more aesthetically pleasing demeanor.

Added to the grille adjustment, the Pilot receives new headlamps along with new and repositioned turn signals and a revised front air dam

that reduces fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag.

What remains pretty much hidden from view is the Pilot's familial connection to Honda's premium-division Acura MDX.

Both of these unique wagons share the same basic platform, but from that point the comparison pretty much ends.

The Pilot's squared-off shape reinforces its sport utility-vehicle leanings, although ground-clearance limitations

restrict the fun to boulder-free terrain and shin-deep – as opposed to knee-deep – mud. Even so, fording a 48-centimetre-deep body of standing water is apparently no problem for this rig.

Taken in its entirety, the modestly tweaked 2012 Pilot isn't a whole lot different.

But in a category where impressions count, this Honda puts its best face forward and backs it up with sufficient comfort and capability to win the day.

2012 Honda Pilot

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/four-wheel-drive eight-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.8/7.8 (FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$36,400.

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Not saying every recreational golfer in Florida over the age of 70 prefers a big, white Cadillac, just saying there might be a few.

Cadillac certainly appreciates its older clientele, but like all domestic luxury makes, it probably wouldn't mind a few more buyers who didn't prefer elastic-waistband jeans worn nice and high over the hip.

It's no secret that younger customers who shop in luxury segments seem to have taken more of a shining to offshore-based makes, like Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, etc.

Cadillac has already made huge demographic ground on those makes over the last decade, by introducing very edgy,



Lincoln designer Max Wolff was at this year's Toronto auto show. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

modern-looking machinery. The upcoming XTS and ATS models will certainly push the median Cadillac buyer ages younger.

Lincoln, on the other hand, is still waiting for its bigger turnaround. It won't be long in coming. Over the last 18

months Lincoln has been completely re-organized, re-staffed and re-focused. For one thing, it now has a separate design office and staff apart from Ford, within the mothership's sprawling facilities in Dearborn, Michigan.

And the new man head-

ing up Lincoln design embodies pretty much what Lincoln hopes to become — Max Wolff is youngish (39), fashionable, worldly, and driven. His last gig was at GM, where he did work at Cadillac, and at GM's design studios in Australia and Korea. The move to bring the Austral-

Correction

- In last week's column a Canadian Tire spokesperson was incorrectly named. His name is Jordan Shiffman.

it also appears to be leaning on young design talent to get there.

At the Detroit auto show I met Magdalena Kokoszynska, one of the interior designers for Buick's new, compact crossover, called Encore.

Young and female, she seems an antithesis to what one might perceive to be the typical Buick target customer, but she begs to differ...

"Our generation doesn't yet have that relationship (with Buick). For us, it's almost like a fresh brand. I've never seen Buick as an 'old person' vehicle. To me, it's new, fresh, and up and coming brand."

Buick recruited the native New Yorker directly from art school.

Another force pushing American luxury makes forward, whether they like it or not, is the global nature of the auto industry.

They need to create vehicles that speak to luxury customers in every part of the world, and not just those white-panted golfers in the Sunshine State.

Giving small cars some serious attitude

Small cars were looking more sleek and sporty at the Geneva Auto Show on Tuesday as global automakers struggling to make a profit in Europe tried to entice consumers to look past the continent's economic gloom.

Ford premiered the B-Max, a subcompact aimed at families, while Mercedes is looking for younger buyers — read under 50 — for the new A-Class. Audi rolled out the third-generation in its A3 series, which 15 years ago was the first compact in the premium market.

Fiat launched its 500L, an

elongated version of the tiny 500 city car that is being made in Serbia, and Toyota has put a little snarl on the hybrid version of its bestselling Yaris to give it a more aggressive look. Peugeot is setting an automotive standard by making its new 208 smaller than its predecessor.

The launches are a far cry from the days when small cars were spartan money-savers. While remaining easy on fuel consumption and light on emissions, these models are toolled with the latest safety features and touches of luxury

By the numbers

58%

Fiat is among a long list of European automakers that is losing money in Europe that includes Peugeot-Citroen PSA, General Motors' Adam Opel, and Renault. Fiat is aiming to build cars in Italy for export to the United States, where it has a 58.8 per cent share in Chrysler through a nearly three-year-old alliance.

to spruce up the compact and subcompact segments that comprise some 80 per cent of the European market.

"Remember when smaller cars used to be cheap and cheerful? Now the consumers want the finest quality, the finest fuel efficiency, safety and design," said Ford CEO Alan Mulally.

The problem for European mass market automakers is that consumer demand has shrivelled under the pressure of the sovereign debt crisis: this year sales are expected to shrink nearly five per cent to 12.9 million units, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

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Dieter Zetsche, CEO of Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz cars, introduces the new A-Class on Tuesday at the Geneva International Motor Show.

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Life is comfortable inside the Hyundai Elantra GLS.

It's quiet too, except for the flipping-map-page sounds that my wife Lisa Calvi is making.

We are relaxed and joke about all the things we'll do on our escape from North America's gloomy, frozen winter.

Traffic is speedy on the four-lane freeway and even though the cruise control is set precisely at the 120 km/h speed limit, almost every car on the road is passing us. In the late afternoon the sun is high, looking more like noon.

My mind wanders then focuses on the last time I drove this Chilean section of the Pan American Highway. That was 25 years ago and instead of motoring south to the Colchagua Valley in a nimble and sporty Elantra, it was north in a diesel pick-up truck. It wasn't my loving wife beside me but burley Montana-based Rolling Stone magazine writer Tim Cahill.

The interior of the Elantra is neat and tidy. There's perfect instrumentation, my iPhone on the centre console and laptop computers in the back seat beside a Nikon digital camera.

Want to touch base with home? Simply pick up that iPhone and call, text or email. No need, we'll be in

Quote

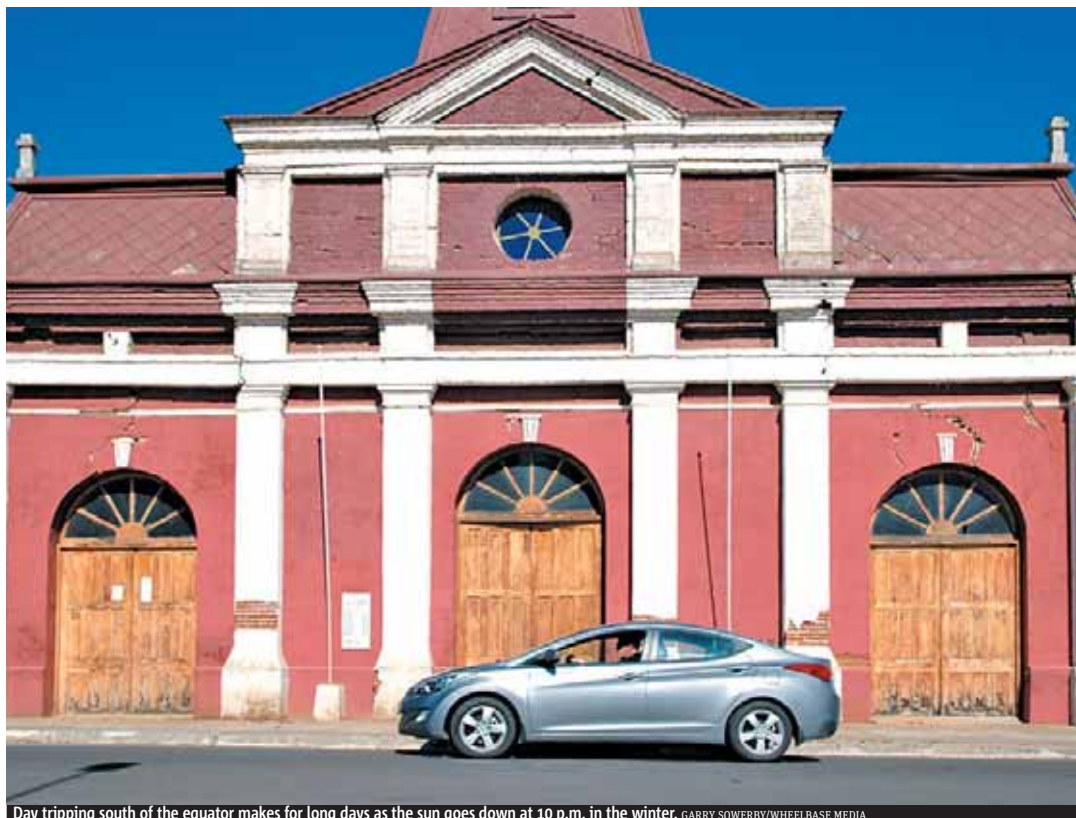
"Driving Chilean second-ary roads is like playing an arcade game. Traffic moves at a lively clip and tailgating seems a national sport as drivers prepare to pass."

Garry Sowerby

Santa Cruz, hub of the Colchagua Valley winery area, settled into the cosy Hotel TerraVina in an hour. Our biggest problem will be deciding whether to try the upscale Italian Restaurant across the vineyard or the cute Peruvian one down the road for a late sunset dinner.

Twenty-five years ago when Tim and I were at this point in the first production 1988 GMC 3500 diesel Sierra pick-up, things were different. We had driven non-stop for three days from Ushuaia on the Argentina side of Tierra del Fuego, about the same duration since Lisa and I arrived in Santiago.

The Sierra was filthy inside and out. Tired and wound tight with what lay ahead, we looked and smelled the part; bleary-eyed young men bent on setting a new record for the quickest time from the bottom to the top of the Americas to set a Guinness record. We were hoping to rendezvous with a container ship in Carthana, Columbia on Day 11 of the quest. We had no iPhone, laptop computers or digital cameras because they did not exist. Texting, email, fax machines or a freeway Chilean sector of



Day tripping south of the equator makes for long days as the sun goes down at 10 p.m. in the winter. GARRY SOWERBY/WHEELBASE MEDIA

the Pan American Highway? Dream on.

"Take the Carrtera del Vino exit four kilometres past San Fernando then its about 45 minutes to the hotel." Lisa snaps me out of the daydream.

Over the next week we slip into vacation mode as every day seems like two. With sunset close to 10 p.m.

winter days are long that far south of the equator. Life at Hotel TerraVina surrounded by a seemingly endless vineyard is relaxed.

A week in Chile's premium wine-making area tucked in the Andean foothills 200 kilometres south of the sprawling capital Santiago is like an all-inclusive holiday, indeed. However, rather than being

trapped in the confines of a Caribbean or Mexican beach resort with throngs of North American vacationers, Colchagua Valley with its meandering back roads, superb wineries and funky commercial hub, Santa Cruze, is a resort all its own.

On the 11th day, we load the Hyundai for the three-hour drive back to Santiago

and our flight home. As I set the Elantra's cruise control at 120 km/h, I look over at Lisa. She is tanned and relaxed as she checks e-mail on her iPhone.

"There's a message here from the airline," she says. "Looks like the Business Class upgrades have come through."

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Lexus reliability is apparent in ES lineup

Second Gear.

2002 to 2006 Lexus ES

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The Lexus ES was intended as a purely luxurious car from Toyota's upscale brand.

The Lexus IS line handled entry-level luxury-sportiness, leaving the ES a step above as an affordable luxury-focused model.

If it's an easygoing and laid-back luxury car you're after, the ES should do the trick.

Feature content included push-button engine start, Mark Levinson audio, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and wood trim.



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Common Issues

The big issue with this car is the gearbox. The problem isn't necessarily a mechanical defect but a software issue within the transmission computer.

An update was made available at dealerships, but results seem mixed at best. Be sure to 'feel' the ES you're driving for signs of sloppy gearshifts, hesitation or hard shifting.

Have these issues remedied if they're present, before agreeing to purchase.

Also, have the ES you're considering checked for proper alignment, and be sure all interior electronics work as expected. The condition of the tires and brakes should be checked as well.

Engine

Early models got Toyota's 3.0 litre V6 with 210 horsepower and 220 lb.-ft of torque. For 2004, a larger 3.3-litre V6 was used, delivering 225 horsepower and 240 lb.-ft of torque.

What Owners Like

Styling, a premium feel, comfort levels, noise levels and safety equipment levels were all highly rated by Lexus ES owners. Fuel mileage is also typically commented positively upon.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints centre around plain styling, a soft suspension and a numb, disconnected steering feel. The ES is not a car for driving enthusiasts.

Verdict

An ES free of transmission-related issues that's been properly cared for should provide years of luxurious and trouble-free driving alongside top-notch resale value.

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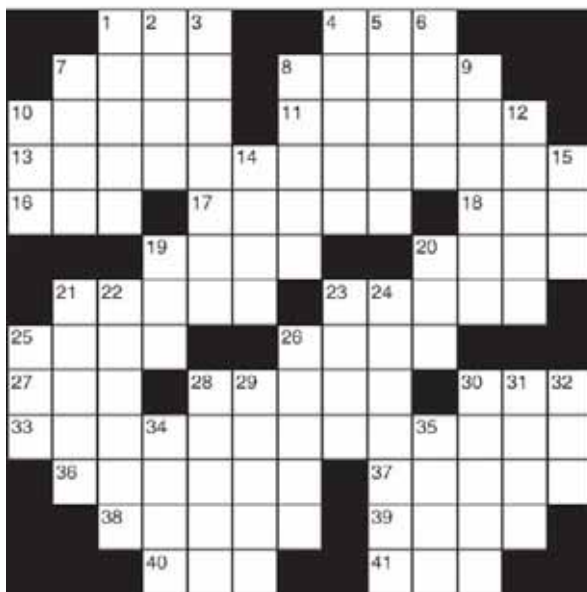
Crossword

Across

- 1 Animation frame
- 4 "Undeniably"
- 7 Pop
- 8 Knighted women
- 10 Dark
- 11 Gather
- 13 Paid
- 16 Possess
- 17 66, for example
- 18 Dead heat
- 19 "Green Acres" setting
- 20 Old foggy
- 21 2009 news-making pilot, familiarly
- 23 San Diego athlete
- 25 Sicilian spouter
- 26 Small pie
- 27 In favor of
- 28 Paces
- 30 Glutton
- 33 Behaving
- 36 Throw off the tracks
- 37 Particular occasion
- 38 Type of cotton thread
- 39 Tittle
- 40 That woman
- 41 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)

Down

- 1 Punctuation marks
- 2 Rewrite, maybe
- 3 Sideways
- 4 Pleasure boat
- 5 Host
- 6 Belgrade native
- 7 Winter forecast
- 8 Fact
- 9 Swain
- 10 Venusian vessel?
- 12 Drop a sound
- 14 "Finding Nemo" character
- 15 Virgo neighbor
- 19 Orlando st.
- 20 Banned pesticide
- 21 Got up
- 22 Play out, as fishing line
- 23 Maze option
- 24 "— and Old Lace"
- 25 Sala-mander
- 26 Piece of info on a marquee
- 28 Grit your teeth
- 29 Spry
- 30 1492 craft
- 31 Erstwhile Peru-



- vian
- 32 "Gosh!"
- 34 Rainbow
- 35 Circle

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Monday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	2	5	1	7	9	8	4
8	7	9	4	3	6	1	2
3	4	1	2	8	5	6	9
2	9	3	7	4	1	5	8
7	1	6	8	5	2	9	3
5	8	4	6	9	3	2	7
9	5	7	3	1	8	4	6
1	3	2	9	6	4	7	5
4	6	8	5	2	7	3	1

Weather

TODAY



MAX: -3°
MIN: -9°

THURSDAY



MAX: 7°
MIN: 0°

FRIDAY



MAX: 3°
MIN: -3°



Send a kiss

- **MY MAN.** okay maybe not today, but tomorrow or that next day for sure. i dont even know why were arguing anyways LOL but i waanna talk to you so imma do it, it would be easier if you would meet me in the library by those round tables at the back at 1124. Ill be waiting:P love you From extraextralious
- **Vikky Prince.** hi tori you dont know how happy i am its true you promised to come here to your home but didnt still i am glad that you are in calgary and with your family HAPPY FREED-OME. From Jose
- **Bimmervalt Secret Crush.** It has been 8 months and my feelings for you get deeper and deeper by the second. I love you although you don't. I know I'm such a loser!!! From Loser
- **Blitz.** I had such a good time being big spoon last night, you are the perfect little spoon. Call me so we can do it again soon! From TheGayGhost
- **Sexy Redhead in Eng Phys.** I think I have the eigenfunction, to satisfy your eigenvalue problem. Nerd love <3. From Eng Phys Lady to be



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April

20. Someone on the work front is giving you a hard time at the moment but you are advised to stay calm and not let your anger get the better of you

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will defend someone you don't much like today.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

If you fear the worst today then the worst will most likely happen.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

The approaching full moon warns there is a real chance you will bite off more than you can chew and end up looking silly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You

will either get an extraordinary amount of work done today or no work at all

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You feel you deserve more than you are currently getting, and no doubt you are right, but it won't just happen as if by magic.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

This could be and should be a beneficial time for you, but good things won't just fall into your lap.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You will get lucky in some way today, but you may feel guilty about it as those around you have to deal with a series of misfortunes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 -

Dec. 21. Someone in a position of authority will put you to the test over the next few days and you will need all your mental and emotional strength to win through.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. Don't waste your time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to work things out for themselves.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb

18. Give your mind and body a rest over the next 24 hours

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Believe in yourself and have faith in your abilities.

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